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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicant requests a two-month extension of the time for response to the Office Action dated October 3, 2003. An Amendment And Reply To Office Action and a Submission Of Amended Sequence Listing accompany this petition.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750 for the \$420.00 extension fee. A duplicate of this paper is enclosed.

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